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Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected
Sept. 20	Agnes.....	13	0	0	0
22	Geo. Dumois.....	18	5	0	0
25	Banan.....	18	0	0	0

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Cholera, plague, and smallpox in Manila—Cholera in the provinces—Quarantine transactions.

Assistant Surgeon Heiser, chief quarantine officer for the Philippine Islands, reports, August 27, as follows:

During the week ended August 22, 1903, cholera, smallpox, and plague were reported in Manila as follows:

Cholera: Cases, 29; deaths, 22. Smallpox: Cases, 1; deaths, 0. Plague: Cases, 3; deaths, 4.

Increase in number of cholera cases in Manila.

There has been an increase in the number of cholera cases in Manila during the week, 29 cases and 22 deaths being reported. The increase has been principally among the shipping, which lies in the Pasig River and in the inner harbor. The reappearance of the disease in these places has been ascribed to the fact that the precautions which were in force some time ago are no longer carried out, owing to lack of funds. It is practically beyond dispute that the cases are contracted directly or indirectly from the infected water of the Pasig River. Three vessels upon which cholera occurred were remanded to the Service for disinfection.

Cholera apparently extinct in Mariveles—Increased in Iloilo.

Cholera has been apparently thoroughly stamped out of the village of Mariveles. The cases all occurred within the incubation period of the disease. Total, 6 cases and 5 deaths. The checking of this outbreak is an instance of what may be accomplished when prompt, energetic measures are taken and when the water supply is not contaminated. Mariveles is one of the few villages of the islands which have not been afflicted with cholera, and for that reason the conditions are favorable for its spread. Much credit is due to Contract Surgeon C. W. Johnson, U. S. Army, and to Assistant Surgeon Stansfield for the effective manner in which the work was done. The report of Assistant Surgeon Long is herewith inclosed.

At Iloilo there has also been a slight increase in the number of cholera cases; 23 cases and 18 deaths were reported. After the terrible epidemic from which that port suffered last year it would seem that most of the susceptible material had been used up.

Upon the request of the civil government the Service will undertake to supervise the quarantine detention at Iloilo of all vessels which are remanded to it by the health officers in the province of Antique, in

Panay. This is done for the purpose of assisting the insular authorities to prevent the spread of cholera to Paragua and adjacent islands, and at the same time to give the vessels a safe anchorage.

Cholera raging in island of Cebu.

At Cebu the situation has remained about the same. No cases occurred among the shipping during the week. On the island of Cebu cholera is raging in a frightful manner. By reference to the provincial report it will be observed that some of the villages have had as high as 695 cases, with 350 deaths.

Report of cholera occurring in provincial towns in the Philippine Islands for the week ended August 22, 1903.

Place.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
San Miguel de Mayumo	Bulacan	4	3
Baliuag	do	3	1
Bocaue	do	1	1
Mariquina	Rizal	1	1
Mangaldan	Pangasinan	30	23
Urdaneta	do	56	43
San Carlos	do	87	64
Dagupan	do	21	14
Bautista	do	17	9
Bayambang	do	23	19
Calasiao	do	74	44
Malasiqui	do	91	75
Aleala	do	14	10
Lingayen	do	26	16
San Felipe	do	20	17
San Juan	Nueva Ecija	30	30
San Leonardo	do	1	1
Nempicuan	do	6	3
San Isidro	do	1	0
Cuyapo	do	15	10
Cabiao	do	9	9
Jaen	do	8	6
San Pablo	Laguna	36	26
Jasaan	do	1	1
Santa Cruz	do	13	12
Aparri	Cagayan	4	4
Camalaniugan	do	33	17
Enrile	do	13	9
Tallangon	do	2	2
Tarlac	Tarlac	44	35
Batangas	Batangas	3	3
San Jose de Booboc	do	3	3
Santa Tomas	Isabella	3	1
Botolan	Zambales	15	9
Iba	do	11	11
Guinobatan	Albay	1	1
Ligao	do	1	1
Cebu	Island of Cebu	40	35
Talisay	do	67	67
Bago	do	229	158
Pardo	do	67	67
Alegria	do	70	70
Badian	do	21	21
Opon	do	439	241
Ginatilan	do	1	1
Malabuyoc	do	290	290
Sogod	do	2	2
Soloan	do	80	44
Bantayan	do	16	7
Balamban	do	62	44
Pinamungajan	do	165	139
Catman	do	13	13
San Remigio	do	1	1
Talauban	do	21	22
Tuburan	do	290	262
Danao	do	156	81
Consolacion	do	61	59
Talamban	do	15	15
Argao	do	695	350
Mandaue	do	124	124
Dalaguete	do	375	243